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1. The old dock situated at the half-mole of the repair yard located at the harbor entrance has been replaced by two new docks. Another new dock is at the western mole of the old commercial harbor. An Estonian employee said that the dimensions of the two docks at the repair yard are 120x38 meters each, and that the dock at the western mole is 100x25 meters.
2. During the period of observation each of the two large docks at the repair yard accommodated a troopship of about 7,000 tons each; their Russian names were Ural and Siberia. The home port of the two vessels was Vladivostok. It seemed that the hulls of these ships were repainted. The Estonian employee said that minor repairs were to be made on the steering mechanism of one of the two ships. He also stated that the two ships were to go to Kronstadt after completion of the maintenance and repair work. \*
3. Two tugs were at the smaller dock at the western mole. This dock was to be towed to Loksä, according to the Estonian, but it was delayed by bad weather during the period of observation. Three destroyers, two of about 2,300 tons, and one of 2,000 tons, were said to have been docked there. All three docks were said to be newly constructed; \*\* two of them allegedly came from Stettin, the third from Danzig.
4. The repair yard at the half-mole employs a total of 930 men in three shifts, in addition to 76 men from ship crews.
5. The State Shipyard (sic), which is situated in the inner harbor district, employs a total of 2,000 men in three shifts. This State Yard does only repair work. Drisk shuttle service is going on between this shipyard and the docks, personnel and material being transported by boats or barges. The bridge which formerly crossed the southern harbor entrance has been removed.

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\* [REDACTED] Comment. The Ural is presumably the former German steamer Prinz Eitel Friedrich, built in 1902, 4,638 GRT. It is hardly possible that she should be the Soviet 2,800-ton training ship of that name. The Siberia is probably the former German Oceana, built in 1912, 8,800 GRT. It is not probable that she is the 14,800 ton Soviet mothership for PT boats.

25X1X \*\* [REDACTED] Comment. Probably captured floating docks, rather than newly constructed docks.

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